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## **Sherry McLauchlan**

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Sherry McLauchlan is the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce's Region 5, encompassing Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties.

Appointed by Lt. Governor Joe Kernan in November of 2002, McLauchlan serves as the state's lead economic development official in the six-county region. Based at Purdue University in West Lafayette, McLauchlan oversees the delivery of the agency's programs and services by partnering with local communities and businesses in their efforts to develop, expand and strengthen the quality of life in Indiana.



Prior to joining Commerce, McLauchlan worked as the Director of Development for the City of Lafayette, where she administered its community development and redevelopment programs. McLauchlan has also worked at the national and regional levels of three federal departments: Agriculture, Justice and the Post Office Departments.

She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and went on to earn her master's from the University of Wisconsin.

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